

# Deepening Discipleship

Hearts on Fire with a Vision for growth  
Resources and events for the whole people of God

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Programme for 2018-2019

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# Introduction

Lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work,  
and as you grow in the knowledge of God. *Colossians 1:10 (NRSV)*

## Welcome

This is your Deepening Discipleship brochure. It's crammed with events and training courses on offer in various locations in Southwark Diocese from Autumn 2018 through to Summer 2019. The resource departments of the Diocese would love to welcome you to them.

The theme of this year's brochure is **Monday to Saturday faith**.

This is a phrase which has been used increasingly during the past year. It is associated with the ground-breaking report *Setting God's People Free*. The purpose of the report was to empower all the Church of England's people, not just the ordained ones. And (to quote the report) the vision is for everyone to have a 'fruitful, faithful mission and ministry, influence, leadership and, most importantly, vibrant relationship with Jesus in all of life ... not only in church-based ministry on a Sunday but in work and school, in gym and shop, in field and factory, Monday to Saturday?'

With that in mind, many of the events in the brochure are designed to enrich and enable the everyday lives of Christians, in their places of work and leisure, home and holiday. There is plenty here to enrich Sunday worship as well, but we are praying for people with hearts on fire with a vision for growth every single day of the week. All courses are free unless otherwise stated.



As your new Assistant Director of Discipleship and Ministry, I have compiled this brochure in the hope that it will be useful to you as you follow Jesus. Come to events! Pass the information on! Organise your diary! Ask for more copies! Bring friends! I look forward to meeting you in person.

To download an electronic edition of the brochure, go to [www.southwark.anglican.org/deepeningdiscipleship](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/deepeningdiscipleship). And may God richly bless all we do together to build the Kingdom of God in South London and East Surrey.

*Peter*

Peter Graystone, Assistant Director of Discipleship and Ministry

# Growing in Faith and Life: The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship

## The Bishop's Certificate

In 2015 the Bishop of Southwark commissioned a new course that was designed to help people understand the Bible better, speak about their faith with more confidence, and deepen their life of prayer. Since then over 150 men and women have taken part in *Growing in Faith and Life*, and have received the Bishop's certificate to prove it.

It is designed to help every Christian pursue a life of discipleship - learning and growing in obedience to the good news of Jesus Christ. It is especially helpful to those who want to read the Bible with more understanding, or think through why they believe what they believe. The course is also of great benefit to those involved in leadership roles within church or parish life, or those who are considering it. It helps people follow Jesus with more confidence from Monday to Saturday, not just in church on a Sunday.

Spread over ten months between September 2018 and June 2019 are six modules. You can take all six or just one or two:

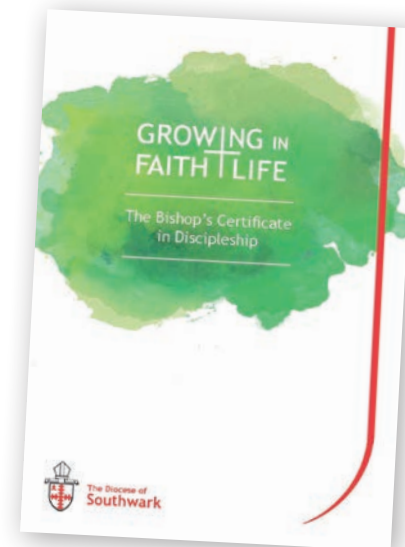
- **Following:** about the New Testament
- **Remembering:** about the Old Testament
- **Exploring:** about how we have become the Church of England
- **Believing:** about what Christians believe
- **Challenging:** about ethics, mission and issues facing Christians today
- **Responding:** about prayer, worship and our spirituality

## The details

Each module has ten hours of teaching, and you can choose to do that over five weekday evenings or two Saturdays. During each session a tutor gives input to think about, and guides discussions, creative activities and time to think alone. A course handbook provides everything that is needed, and plenty to read between sessions. Those who take the course seriously supplement this by reading other recommended books. The library in the Southwark Diocesan offices (Trinity House, near London Bridge) is available to anyone who wants to use it.

The course ends in June 2019 with a residential weekend at Wychcroft, the Southwark Diocesan training centre set in beautiful Surrey countryside. And three months later a splendid service in Southwark Cathedral celebrates the achievements of everyone who has taken part.

There are two routes through the course. The first route is to go to the sessions, join in the discussions and enjoy it with no pressure. At the end of the year everyone receives a scroll from the Bishop in recognition of completing the course.





# Growing in Faith and Life: The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship

The second route is to undertake an assignment at the end of each module. It can be a formal piece of writing, or a more creative and personal reflection. These are marked in an encouraging way. Those who complete this route are presented with the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship. If this is the first step to becoming a SPA, a Reader or to ordination, or if you just like a challenge, this is the recommended route. Guidance is available at every stage for those who have not written an assignment for many years.

## Times and places

There is an introductory session for everyone taking part on Saturday 8 September at Trinity House (4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, SE1 1HW), 10.30am to 12.30pm. After that, we hope to teach the sessions in three groups:

- Tuesday evenings, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Trinity House, starting on 25 September
- Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Mary's Church Centre, Reigate, RH2 7RN, starting on 26 September
- Saturdays, 10.00am to 4.00pm at Trinity House, starting on 13 October

The cost is £200 for the whole programme (including the residential weekend) or £20 for an individual module. Some parishes are able to support participants financially to undertake the course.

## This is what last year's participants thought:

CC writes: I have really enjoyed it and will recommend it to everyone. [There is a] good mix of teacher input and group discussion. There are helpful reading lists, good materials and knowledgeable trainers.

SP writes: The people attending are fascinating and we all enjoy each other's company. If you want to, there are assignments to do to cement your learning. The course notes are also an essential and excellent guide. I can't recommend it highly enough as a means of learning about what we believe and as a means of growing in understanding ...

... Ephesians 4 says we are to be equipped to become the body of Christ so that we are not tossed about by every wind of new teaching, and I see this course is a great means of us doing this.

## How to apply

Visit [www.southwark.anglican.org/deepeningdiscipleship](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/deepeningdiscipleship) and click the link to send a message to Caroline Wakelam-Jones (There is also a detailed list of the dates in each venue.) Alternatively, send an e-mail to [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org), and an application form will be sent. For more information or to ask a question, e-mail [peter.graystone@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:peter.graystone@southwark.anglican.org)

# Ground Floor Guides

You need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God.  
You need milk, not solid food. *Hebrews 5:12 (NRSV)*

## Beginners' guides to theology

These events are designed for those who have sat in many sermons, but would like to find out more about how the Bible they love came to be written and whether they can rely on it to shape their lives. They are called 'ground floor guides' because you need absolutely no previous knowledge. Each session is complete by itself, but the three sessions together leave you eager to take the escalator up to further learning.

Saturday  
9 Feb  
10.00am-  
12.30pm

### Ground Floor Guide to the New Testament

*Peter Graystone*

*Emmanuel Church Centre, Normanton Road, South Croydon CR2 7AF*

A beginner's guide to the New Testament: Who wrote it and when? What does it tell us about Jesus and his first followers? How can reading it help your Monday to Saturday life? And what about the controversial parts?

Saturday  
9 Mar  
10.00am-  
12.30pm

### Ground Floor Guide to the New Testament

*Peter Graystone*

*Emmanuel Church Centre, Normanton Road, South Croydon CR2 7AF*

A beginner's guide to the Old Testament: How have the Jewish Scriptures become part of the Christian Bible? How can ancient words be relevant to the 21st century? And what about the violent bits?

Saturday  
11 May  
10.00am-  
12.30pm

### Two Thousand Years of Christian History in 120 Minutes

*Peter Graystone*

*Emmanuel Church Centre, Normanton Road, South Croydon CR2 7AF*

A beginner's guide to the history of the church: How did it grow from a tiny, frightened group in Jerusalem to a worldwide throng of two billion people? Where does the Church of England fit in the unfolding story of the followers of Jesus worldwide? And what about the parts of our history we are not so proud of?

# Music

Let us come into [God's] presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise." *Psalm 95.2 (NRSV)*

## Strengthen for Service

How to use music to deepen everyday faith and discipleship. Choosing resources, considering traditional and contemporary styles, making music without musicians, promoting understanding between clergy and worship leaders. The Revd Canon Helen Bent is the head of ministerial training for the Royal School of Church Music.



Saturday  
6 Oct  
10.00am-  
4.00pm

## Managing, Maintaining and Developing Parish Music

*Helen Bent*

*Trinity House*

'Without music, worship does not easily soar.' How do we make the most of music when we worship together? Music is a gift to the church. It adds an extra dimension to worship; it can reach depths that words alone don't reach.

*For worship teams, both lay and ordained*

# Ministry with Older People

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree ...  
They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming,  
'The LORD is upright; he is my Rock.' *Psalm 92:12-15 (NIV)*

## Later Life

SAGE is the Southwark Spirituality and Age Group. It provides events which address the spiritual needs of older people.



Saturday  
6 Oct  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

### Combatting Loneliness in Later Life

*The SAGE Team*

*Trinity House*

'Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible type of poverty' (Mother Theresa). This session will explore issues of loneliness and isolation experienced by many older people in our society. It will look at ways in which local churches can offer support to those who feel alone.

Saturday  
24 Nov  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

### When Words are not Enough: Creative Alternatives

*The SAGE Team*

*Trinity House*

Words are only one way of communicating. This session will provide practical examples and ideas using art, music and craft activity. We will explore ways in which these can make a valuable contribution to ministry with older people, particularly any who may be experiencing increasing physical limitations.



# Ministry with Older People



Monday  
25 Feb  
11.00am-  
3.00pm

## How can Christians respond to Dementia?

*Joanna Collicutt*

*Trinity House*

This session will help us to think theologically and practically about how the church understands and responds to people experiencing dementia. The Revd Dr Joanna Collicutt is a priest, a clinical neuropsychologist, and Advisor for Spiritual Care for Older People in Oxford Diocese. She is the author of 'Thinking of You: A resource for the spiritual care of people with dementia'.

Saturday  
18 May  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## The Lifelong Journey: Encouraging Spirituality

*The SAGE Team*

*Trinity House*

A session for those involved in nurturing the spiritual life of older people - as individuals, in groups, or through the worship life of the local church. A range of inputs will explore different ways that ministry in this area has developed. There will be opportunities for participants to share experiences, questions and resources.

# Ministry with Children & Young People

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,  
his power and the wonders he has done. *Psalm 78:4 (NRSV)*

## Events curated by the Children and Young People Team

Monday  
17 Sep  
7.30pm-  
9.30pm

### Nurturing the spirituality of children

Ronni Lamont

St John the Evangelist Church, Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

This three evening course will look at how we understand, respect and facilitate the spirituality of the young and very young. It's designed for those involved with children's mission and ministry, but also of interest to anyone with an informal role with children, such as parents, grandparents and carers. The other sessions are on Mondays 24 September and 1 October. Ronni Lamont is Faith and Nurture Advisor for Canterbury Diocese.

Cost: £15 for the whole course.



Tuesday  
2 Oct  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

### Responding Well to Mental Health Issues

Mike Kelly

Trinity House

This session will cover some of the common mental health issues affecting young people, including depression, anxiety, eating disorders and psychosis; skills to work more effectively with young people living with mental health issues and ways to support young people with a mental health issue and relate to their experiences.

# Ministry with Children & Young People

Tuesday  
9 Oct  
7.00pm-  
9.30pm

## Messy Church and Discipleship

Lucy Moore

St Matthew's Church, 71 Station Road, Redhill RH1 1DL

This interactive session is designed to get your teams discussing what you might do to help your Messy Church grow disciples, how to get involved with the Messy Discipleship pilot, resources and support available, and the opportunity to share stories of how discipleship is working in your context. Lucy Moore works for the Bible Reading Fellowship as Messy Church team leader.

Wednesday  
10 Oct  
11.00am-  
2.00pm

## Children, Family and Youth Worker Lunch

Children and Youth Team

Education Centre, Southwark Cathedral

A chance for paid and volunteer workers to network, share news from around the Diocese, and update on national initiatives and courses. At the start of a new academic year, we invite you to stay and play with the new and existing resources at the Resource Exchange.

Wednesday  
10 Oct  
4.00pm-  
6.00pm

## Open Evening for Training and Resources

Children and Youth Team

Education Centre, Southwark Cathedral

Find out more about our local training programme, with courses and grants available. We will also introduce new items in the Southwark Diocese Resource Exchange. Short presentations and a Godly Play demonstration.

# Ministry with Children & Young People

Tuesday  
13 Nov  
7.00pm-  
9.00pm

## Parenting and Faith

*Rachel Turner*

*Trinity House*

How do we equip parents to raise God-connected children and teens? This seminar explores challenging areas of ministry and work with children and young people. Expect expert input, lively debate, and Q+As. Rachel Turner is from Parenting for Faith, part of the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF).

Tuesday  
20 Nov  
10.00am-  
4.00pm

## Baptism Matters

*Sandra Millar and Tom Pearson*

*Spurgeon's College, 189 South Norwood Hill SE25 6DJ*

New research and resources for baptism are making an impact on church growth and on this key ministry where we meet families for their first steps on their journey of faith. Explore major research findings emerging from the Archbishops' Council's work on the baptism of children. Discover exciting resources to help your baptism ministry. Find out where the additional texts might make a difference and get lots of practical ideas.

*For clergy, readers and others involved in baptism and family ministry.*

Saturday  
24 Nov  
10.00am-  
2.00pm

## Make Your Voice Heard

*Bishop Karowei*

*Trinity House*

The Woolwich Episcopal Area Youth Forum. Bishop Karowei invites young people aged 14-20 from the Woolwich Episcopal Area to a forum and lunch to listen to their views on faith, life, local church, concerns and communities.



# Ministry with Children & Young People

Saturday  
19 Jan  
10.30am-  
12.30pm

## Southwark Splash

*Children and Youth Team*

*Southwark Cathedral*

Come and join us in Southwark Cathedral for this large Messy Celebration exploring the theme of baptism. Activities for all ages, culminating in a time of celebration. Children, bring your adults!

Thursday  
31 Jan  
11.00am-  
2.00pm

## Children, Family and Youth Worker Lunch

*Children and Youth Team*

*Trinity House*

A chance for paid and volunteer workers to network, share news from around the Diocese and be updated on national initiatives and courses. Our focussed input for this session will be on how to work effectively alongside parents and families from both a youth and children's worker perspective.

Thursday  
7 Feb  
7.30pm-  
9.30pm

## Messy Church and Discipleship

*Lucy Moore*

*St James' Church, Kidbrooke SE3 ODU*

This interactive session is designed to get your Messy Church team discussing what you might do to help your Messy Church grow disciples. There will be information about how to get involved with the Messy Discipleship pilot, resources and support available, and the opportunity to share stories of how discipleship is working in your context.

# Ministry with Children & Young People

Thursday  
28 Feb  
7.00pm-  
9.00pm

## Gender Identity

*Natalie Collins*

*Trinity House*

The number of children being referred to gender identity clinics has quadrupled in the last five years. What does this mean for youth and children's work? What different ideologies are relevant? How do we create Christian communities that care holistically for those who identify as gender diverse? This interactive session will give an overview of the different ideologies, offer theological reflection and consider how we practically respond. Natalie Collins is a gender-justice specialist.

Saturday  
9 Mar  
9.45am-  
5.00pm

## Extended Introduction to Godly Play

*Stuart Lee*

*St Mary's Church, Putney, SW15 1SN*

This is an opportunity to experience and explore Godly Play, demonstrating ways in which it can be integrated into work with children and young people. It offers opportunities to listen and respond to the Christian story in a worshipful, inspiring and playful way. Stuart Lee is the London trainer for Godly Play UK.

Wednesday  
13 Mar  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Employing children's, families' or youth workers

*Southwark Diocese HR Team*

*Trinity House*

This interactive session is for churches who either employ or are considering employing children's, families' or youth ministers. It will be a practical session, looking at reasons to employ, setting up good recruitment processes, employment law, best management practice, and how to avoid common mistakes.

# Ministry with Children & Young People

Saturday  
16 Mar  
10.30am-  
2.00pm

## Bishop Jonathan's Lunch for Leaders of Children and Young People

*Venue to be confirmed*

A time of celebration, thanks and inspiration for all children and young people's leaders in the Croydon Episcopal Area.

Saturday  
11 May  
10.30am-  
2.00pm

## Bishop Karowei's Lunch for Leaders of Children and Young People

*St George's Church, Forest Hill SE23 2AG*

A time of celebration, thanks and inspiration for all children and young people's leaders in the Woolwich Episcopal Area.

Tuesday  
14 May  
11.00am-  
2.00pm

## Children's, Families and Youth Workers' Lunch

*Mary Hawes*

*Trinity House*

Latest updates on projects and research from Mary Hawes, the National Children and Youth Officer for the Church of England. A chance to network, share news from around the Diocese and receive updates. Open to employed youth workers and volunteers with significant responsibilities.





# Ministry with Children & Young People

Wednesday  
22 May  
7.00pm-  
9.00pm

## Toddler Groups: the Hidden Treasure of our Nation

Joanna Gordon

Trinity House

Our 'Living Faith' seminars explore challenging areas of ministry and work with children and young people. Expect expert input, lively debate, questions and answers. Joanna Gordon is from Daniel's Den, a parent and toddler organisation that encourages and enriches family life in order to build stronger communities.

Saturday  
8 Jun  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Introduction to Messy Church

Lucy Moore

St Saviour's Church, Raynes Park SW20 9DL

This is intended for those working with children and young people in church or school settings. It will unpack what Messy Church is - and isn't! It includes how to start one, and the resources and support available. It offers a chance to share stories of how Messy Church has grown and developed, and explore how it can fit with the wider ministry of the church.

Saturday  
15 Jun  
12.30pm-  
3.00pm

## A Celebration of Messy Church Leaders

Lucy Moore and Bishop Karowei

St Laurence's Church, Catford SE6 2TS

Bring your Messy Church team to this time of affirmation, inspiration and blessing, hosted by Bishop Karowei and featuring Lucy Moore. The event begins with lunch.



# Past and present

The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.  
and his faithfulness to all generations. *Psalm 100:5 (NRSV)*

Two fascinating training events which make the past come alive



Saturday  
9 Mar  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Lost in Translation - a New Testament Greek workshop

*Despina Francois*

*Trinity House*

Discover how the origins of Greek phrases can change our perception of what we believe. We will journey together through the New Testament, analysing the root meanings of words. If you would like to learn more to enhance your Bible reading or preaching, please come along. Open to all, especially Readers or clergy. Despina Francois is a Reader in Southwark Diocese.

Saturday  
6 Apr  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## The History of Parish Registers

*Ray Wheeler*

*Trinity House*

Family history has never been as popular as it is now thanks to TV programmes such as *Who Do You Think You Are?* Among other aspects of family history, this session uncovers the story of parish registration from Elizabeth 1 (when a record of baptisms, marriages and burials was first required to be kept) to the present day. For anyone interested in genealogy, including parish administrators, clergy and Readers. Ray Wheeler is a Reader in Southwark Diocese.

# Calling & Vocation

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine. *Isaiah 43:1 (NRSV)*

## Vocations Fairs

Vocations Fairs offer an opportunity to explore your vocation in an informal setting, with stalls representing different ministries, both lay and ordained. They are an ideal place to come to find out what resources and support are on offer to help you discern your own sense of vocation. All events are open to participants from any area, and pre-registration is not required.

Saturday  
13 Oct  
10.00am-  
12.00pm

### Vocations Fair: Kingston

*Vocations Team*

*All Saints Church, Market Place, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1JP*

The first of two vocations fairs in Kingston Episcopal Area. Open to all.

*Free - just turn up*

Thursday  
29 Nov  
6.30pm-  
8.30pm

### Vocations Fair: South Croydon

*Vocations Team*

*The Emmanuel Centre, Normanton Road, South Croydon CR2 7AF*

The first of two vocations fairs in Croydon Episcopal Area. Open to all.

*Free - just turn up*

# Calling & Vocation

Saturday  
26 Jan  
7.00pm-  
9.00pm

## Vocations Fair: Peckham

*Vocations Team*

*St Luke's Church, Chandler Way, Peckham, London SE15 6DT*

The first of two vocations fairs in Woolwich Episcopal Area. Open to all.

*Free - just turn up*

Wednesday  
27 Mar  
6.30pm-  
8.30pm

## Vocations Fair: Clapham

*Vocations Team*

*Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham, Narbonne Avenue, London SW4 9JU*

The second fair in Kingston Episcopal Area. Open to all.

*Free - just turn up*

Saturday  
18 May  
2.30pm-  
4.30pm

## Vocations Fair: Redhill

*Vocations Team*

*St Matthew's Church, 71 Station Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1DL*

The second fair in Croydon Episcopal Area. Open to all.

*Free - just turn up*

Wednesday  
26 Jun  
7.00pm-  
9.00pm

## Vocations Fair: Plumstead

*Vocations Team*

*St Mark with St Margaret's Church, Old Mill Road, Plumstead, London SE18 1QG*

The second fair in Woolwich Episcopal Area. Open to all.

*Free - just turn up*

# Calling & Vocation

## Vocations Quiet Days and Courses

Vocations retreats offer a mixture of short talks, worship, and plenty of space for silent prayer and reflection. They offer an opportunity to explore your journey of faith, and to reflect on the ways in which God is calling you.

Saturday  
29 Sep  
10.00am-  
3.30pm

### Called by Name: a quiet day

*Vocations Team*

*The Royal Foundation of St Katherine, 2 Butcher Row, London E14 8DS*

How can you begin to discern what God's call means for your life?

*Cost £10*

Friday  
16 Nov  
10.00am-  
3.30pm

### Called by Name: a quiet day

*Vocations Team*

*Wychcroft Retreat Centre, Bletchingley, Redhill RH1 4NE*

How can you begin to discern what God's call means for your life?

*Cost £10*

Friday  
8 Feb  
10.00am-  
3.30pm

### Called by Name: a quiet day

*Vocations Team*

*Wychcroft Retreat Centre, Bletchingley, Redhill RH1 4NE*

How can you begin to discern what God's call means for your life?

*Cost £10*



# Calling & Vocation

Saturday  
15 Jun  
10.00am-  
3.30pm

## Called by Name: a quiet day

Vocations Team

The Kairos Centre, Mount Angelus Road, Roehampton SW15 4JA

How can you begin to discern what God's call means for your life?

Cost £10

## A Vocations Course

For 2018, the Vocations Team is also offering a four week course exploring vocation and calling. There are four sessions, giving the opportunity for participants to reflect on their gifts and passions. It is an opportunity to consider how God might be calling you to use these within the Church, local community and wider world.

### It's Your Call

This course is open to everybody. The Vocations Team will be leading it at [Trinity House \(4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, SE1 1HW\)](#). It takes place on four consecutive [Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30](#). The dates are [11, 18, 25 September and 2 October](#).

# Calling & Vocation

## Vocations conferences

The conferences provide the opportunity to explore and reflect on your calling in a friendly and inspiring environment. These are fully funded by the Diocese, and so are free to all participants. All participants will need the support of their incumbent or chaplain in order to attend.

Friday-  
Sunday  
2-4 Nov

### It's Your Call: Vocations to Ministry as a Deacon or Priest

*Vocations Team*

*Wychcroft Retreat Centre, Bletchingley, Redhill RH1 4NE*

A residential conference exploring and encouraging vocations to ordained ministry. Participants need the support of their incumbent or chaplain to attend.

*Fully funded by the Diocese and free to participants*

Friday-  
Sunday  
16-18 Nov

### It's Your Call: Vocations to Lay Ministry

*Vocations Team*

*Wychcroft Retreat Centre, Bletchingley, Redhill RH1 4NE*

A residential conference focused on vocations to lay ministry. Ministries include Reader, SPA, Church Army, religious life, mission work and pioneering. Participants need the support of their incumbent or chaplain to attend.

*Fully funded by the Diocese and free to participants*

Friday-  
Sunday  
15-17 Mar

### It's Your Call: BAME Vocations to Ordained Ministry

*Vocations Team*

*Wychcroft Retreat Centre, Bletchingley, Redhill RH1 4NE*

This conference explores and encourages black and minority ethnic vocations to ordained ministry. Participants need the support of their incumbent or chaplain to attend.

*Fully funded by the Diocese and free to participants*

# A Growing Church

The churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

*Acts 16:5 (NRSV)*

## Mission Action Planning

Southwark Diocese offers training to help parishes, chaplaincies and fresh expressions of church grow in confidence. Mission Action Planning is focussed on communities of disciples living out their faith from Monday to Saturday, as well as on Sunday. It is a tool that involves the whole people of God discerning God's preferred future for their communities. Encouraging churches to grow is at the heart of MAP.

Tuesday  
30 Oct  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

Tuesday  
19 Feb  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

Tuesday  
4 Jun  
10.00am-  
1.00pm



## Making the Most of Mission

*Action Planning Mission and Evangelism Team*

*Trinity House*

Mission Action Planning is a method of discerning and directing the life of our church communities. As part of the Bishop's vision for our Diocese, every parish should have a MAP which is regularly reviewed through a cycle of reflection and review, decision-making and action.

Through MAP whole churches are encouraged to pray about and participate in setting the vision and goals that will serve the mission of God in the areas where they live. These three sessions will explore how to encourage involvement in Mission Action Planning. They cover how to make MAP a flexible and responsive tool, and how to review and reset your plan.



# A Growing Church

**More events for growing churches from the Mission and Evangelism team.**

Thursday  
4 Oct  
10.30am-  
1.30pm

## Starting to Connect with Young Adults

*Will Cookson and Jon Lindsay-Scott*

*Trinity House*

How do you begin to start a young adults ministry or fresh expression? Both Will Cookson and Jon Lindsay-Scott have started young adult ministries at their churches - at Springfield Church, Wallington and St Chad's Church, Romiley. Hear the story of how they did this and reflect on what you might be able to do in your context.

*Cost £5, including lunch*

Saturday  
3 Nov  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Café Church

*Café Church Network Team*

*St Michael's Church, Battersea SW11 6SP*

If you run or are interested in setting up a Café Church this day is for you. Café churches are popular forms of fresh expression. They meet in various places and at different times - churches, cafés and schools. Through a relaxed culture they enable people to explore faith. This day will be run by the Café Church Network Team.

*Cost £5, including lunch*

Thursday  
28 Mar  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Dementia Friendly Church

*Andrew Davey*

*Trinity House*

Dementia is a growing issue and how we give space for people with dementia to encounter and experience God is something that more churches are giving thought to. We will explore some possible ways of setting up parish or deanery dementia-friendly fresh expressions. This is a stand-alone event, but is also an ideal follow-up to the session on page 9. The Revd Dr Andrew Davey is vicar of Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting.

Tuesday  
5 Feb  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Trying New Things in Inner and Outer Estate Parishes

*The Mission and Evangelism Team*

*St Anne's Church, Bermondsey SE1 5QH*

An interactive opportunity to look at some of the ideas that are being discussed nationally and locally to encourage and help estate churches to grow. We will be looking at Jesus Shaped People, the MECN toolkit and two case studies. An opportunity to network, and share ideas and experiences.

*Free, including lunch*



# A Growing Church

## Leading Your Church into Growth

This course is for churches that are looking to grow - in numbers, mission or discipleship. It offers a chance to discuss what works (and what doesn't) in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Topics covered include changing attitudes, positive leadership and community. The course is tailored according to the needs of individual churches.

It will be run at **Trinity House** during **Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019** by the **Mission and Evangelism Team** on dates to be announced. Register your interest now by emailing the address below.



## Mission Shaped Ministry

As our culture changes Christians have explored how we might do Church as a result. This course is aimed at teams from churches who are exploring new ways of reaching out to their communities by seeking to form fresh expressions of Church. It will be helpful to those thinking about or planning a fresh expression, or currently running one.

It will be led by **The Revd Canon Will Cookson** at **Christ Church, 863 Brighton Road, Purley, CR8 2BN**, on **Tuesdays** starting in **January 2019**. Register your interest by emailing the address below.

# Faith in Action from Monday to Saturday

Return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God. *Hosea 12:6 (NRSV)*

Events curated by the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation team

Saturday  
6 Oct  
10.00am-  
3.00pm

## Black History Month Celebration: 70/70 Vision, History, Story, Legacy

*Diocesan Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Committee*

*Southwark Cathedral*

This year's Thanksgiving Event celebrates the history and legacy of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people in the UK. Marking the 70 year anniversary of both the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush and the creation of the National Health Service, the event is focussed on the impact of migration on the story of the NHS and British society. We look at the legacy of past generations on future British BAME young people.

The event will be hosted at the cathedral and will include a service of celebration in the morning followed by workshops. Guests include The Revd Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin and a variety of musicians. A specially commissioned icon will be unveiled at the event.



# Faith in Action from Monday to Saturday

Saturday  
20 Oct  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Supporting Destitute People in your Parish

*Joanne McCrone and Elizabeth Booker*

*Trinity House*

How can the Diocese support local parishes in their work with destitute people within their congregations, or those who look to the church for support? The event will include resources and signposting to helpful agencies, sharing of good practice and input from external organisations including the Department for Work and Pensions.

*Maximum 20 people*

Thursday  
15 Nov  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Funeral Traditions

*Rosemarie Mallett*

*Trinity House*

The changing face of funerals sometimes involves secular officiants, use of photographs and diverse music. This session is about pastoral, liturgical and spiritual aspects of funerals, with a particular emphasis on African and Afro-Caribbean traditions. It is about family expectations, rituals at home, the role played by independent church leaders and family members, attitudes to filming, open coffins, backfilling and so on.

Thursday  
15 Nov  
5.30pm-  
8.30pm

## Faith in Action

*Nelly Misenga and Elizabeth Booker*

*Trinity House*

An interactive workshop to explore how faith-inspired social action can put the church and Christians at the forefront of justice issues. We will focus on poverty, violence and immigration, and explore how as a church we can listen to and advocate on behalf of our local communities.



# Faith in Action from Monday to Saturday

Saturday  
24 Nov  
9.45am-  
2.30pm

## Creation Spirituality

*Catherine Shelley and the Diocesan Spirituality Team*

*Trinity House*

Reflecting spiritually on the wonder of creation, given by God into the care of people like us. Catherine Shelley is the vicar of St Edward the Confessor Church, Mottingham. Lunch is provided.

*Maximum 20 people*

Tuesday  
27 Nov  
10.30am-  
1.00pm

## Why and How?: Holocaust Memorial Day 2019

*Rob Thompson*

*Trinity House*

Using the recently released materials for Holocaust Memorial Day 2019 we will look at different ways the day can be marked by Christians. The workshop will also look at the context of why Christians should engage with the Holocaust and related issues. Rob Thompson is Programme Manager for the Council of Christians and Jews.

Wednesday  
16 Jan  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Marking Rites of Passage and Life Events

*Rosemarie Mallett*

*Trinity House*

Different cultures mark rites of passage in a variety of ways which differ from the majority culture of the UK. This session is about pastoral, liturgical and spiritual aspects of rites of initiation. It includes discussion of gender difference and expectations. It looks at the way that births, namings, baptisms, ceremonies for teenagers, engagements, weddings and citizenship are celebrated.



# Faith in Action from Monday to Saturday

Tuesday  
22 Jan  
10.00am-  
12.00pm

## Mental Health in our Parishes: the JPIC Mental Health Seminar

*Elizabeth Booker*

*Mind in Croydon, Fairfield House, 10 Altyre Rd, Croydon CR0 5LA*

Mental health difficulties affect as many as one in three people in the UK. With loneliness and isolation cited as major factors in some of the most common mental health difficulties, the church is in a valuable position to support the wellbeing of its congregation and wider community. This workshop will focus on the most common mental health difficulties and look at ways in which the church can respond. For clergy, Readers and SPAs.

Saturday  
2 Mar  
9:45am-  
2:30pm

## Creation Spirituality: Putting the Fifth Mark of Mission into Practice

*Southwark Diocese Environmental Advisors*

*Trinity House*

This session is about looking for a fruitful future with a shared commitment to the integrity of creation. It's about how we value, treat, care for and teach about the natural world, the people and the quality of their lives. Lunch provided.

*Maximum 25 people*

Saturday  
9 Mar  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Seeking the Common Good

*The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Team*

*St Hugh's Church, Bermondsey SE1 3PT*

'The common good' has been used in many election campaigns and political lectures since 2001. But what does the Church mean by it? This workshop will explore the personal and communal implications of seeking the common good in our churches, communities and nation.

# Faith in Action from Monday to Saturday

Wednesday  
13 Mar  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Services and Thanksgiving for Special Days

*Rosemarie Mallett*

*Trinity House*

The variety of ethnic and cultural groups in the Diocese celebrate special days in the calendars of their cultures or heritage. These can include church services, events connected with cultural festivals, or BAME events. Some days that we will look at during this session are watch night services, national days, Racial Justice Sunday, Black History Month and One World Week.

Wednesday  
1 May  
2.00pm-  
4.30pm

## Anglicans & Judaism: a New Look at what we Preach and Teach

*Jane Clements*

*Trinity House*

This workshop follows the publication of a new document by the Faith and Order Commission which looks at the Church of England's understanding of Judaism. It examines Anglican-Jewish relations and how as Christians we understand, teach and preach about Judaism. Dr Jane Clements, founder of the Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine, has worked for many years in the interfaith field, taking study groups to Israel and the West Bank. Jane was recently presented with the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith.

Saturday  
8 Jun  
9.45am-  
2.30pm

## Creation Spirituality: Care for Creation

*Southwark Diocese Environmental Advisers and the JPIC Team*

*Trinity House*

In this workshop we will share how care for creation plays out in churches across the Diocese - in worship, churchyards and quiet places, training, schools and Fairtrade. We may adjourn to the Cathedral and its garden, choosing an interesting walking route that reveals what grows close by - even in inner city urban parishes. Lunch provided.

*Maximum 25 people*

# Welcome and Care

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.  
*Galatians 6:2 (NRSV)*



## Pastoral Care in Your Parish

Saturday  
27 Oct  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

### Developing Pastoral Prayer

*Paula Thorvaldsen*

This training aims to develop discipleship by deepening our experience of prayer. What is prayer? How can our churches help people into prayer? How can we pray with others in pastoral situations? How can prayer build up a community of faith as we pray with and for one another? It is facilitated by a team of Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPAs) - authorised lay ministers with pastoral care responsibilities. Paula Thorvaldsen is SPA Development Worker for Southwark Diocese.

*St Mark's Church, Wimbledon SW19 7ND*

Saturday  
24 Nov  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

### Big Questions about Death, Dying and Funerals

*Paula Thorvaldsen*

Sometimes we can't push away the subject of death any longer. This session looks at ways in which we can help people to think about death, dying and funerals. It includes how to organise a café space in the local church where people can talk about these big questions. There will be information on how to run GraveTalk sessions, Death Cafés and work with Cruse to support those who are bereaved. Facilitated by a team of SPAs.

*St Mark's Church, Wimbledon SW19 7ND*

# Welcome and Care

Saturday  
9 Mar  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Developing Pastoral Care in your Parish

*Paula Thorvaldsen*

*Trinity House*

We are all called to share in Christ's caring ministry. This session is open to all members of churches and fresh expressions to explore how we can play a part in this vital ministry. The training will include the foundations of why we care, skills needed in caring, and how we can extend a warm welcome. Facilitated by a team of SPAs.

Saturday  
11 May  
10.00am-  
1.00pm

## Care of the Carers

*Paula Thorvaldsen*

*Trinity House*

Caring for someone with a long-term illness or condition often causes isolation for both the person with the condition and their family. This workshop will help your church and community reduce this isolation and look at creative ways in which we might offer pastoral care. It will include setting up memory cafés and running effective support groups. Facilitated by a team of SPAs.



# Spirituality for Everyday Life

“Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”  
The Lord of hosts is with us. *Psalm 46:10-11 (NRSV)*

## Events from the Spiritual Formation Group

Saturday  
20 Oct  
10.00am-  
3.00pm

### An Introduction to Meditation

*Mandy Vasey*

*St Michael's Church, Stockwell SW9 0DA*

This introduction to Christian meditation is suitable for those who are not used to opening themselves to God in this way, as well as those who are seeking silence in the restlessness of life.

*Cost £10, including tea and coffee*

Saturday  
22 Jun  
10.00am-  
3.00pm

### A Pilgrimage for Justice

*Jonathan Coore*

*Holy Trinity Church, Clapham*

A prayerful, walking pilgrimage visiting sites that have been significant in Christian campaigns for social justice.

*Cost £10*

# Spirituality for Everyday Life

Saturday  
30 Mar  
10.30am-  
4.00pm

## Developing a Personal Rule for Life

*John-Francis Friendship*

*Trinity House*

Living well doesn't happen by accident. We have habits and patterns to get us through the day. This event helps you extend this principle and establish a rule for your life. It will allow you to choose patterns of life that you need in order to be a joyful and faithful disciple of Jesus. It is about living as a Christian from Monday to Saturday, not just when you go to church. The Revd John-Francis was a Franciscan brother and latterly a parish priest in Romford.

*Cost £10, including tea and coffee*

Saturday  
23 Feb  
10.00am-  
3.00pm

## An Introduction to Meditation

*Mandy Vasey and Alison Judge*

*St John the Divine Church, Merton SW19 2JX*

This introduction to Christian meditation is suitable for those who are not used to opening themselves to God in this way, as well as those who are seeking silence in the restlessness of life. A repeat of the 20 October event.

*Cost £10, including tea and coffee*

Saturday  
27 Jul  
10.00am-  
4.00pm

## A Summer Quiet Day

*Spiritual Formation Group*

*Wychcroft Retreat Centre, Bletchingley, Redhill RH1 4NE*

The Diocesan Retreat Day. A day of reflection in and around the beautiful setting of Wychcroft Retreat Centre in the Surrey countryside. Time to talk, time to walk, periods of silence, and time to listen.

*Cost £30, including lunch*

# Save the date

The **Diocesan Spirituality Day** will be held in **Southwark Cathedral** on **Saturday 19 October 2019**. It will be a day to seek out resources for prayer to sustain Christian discipleship and spirituality on every day of the week.

## Cursillo

Cursillo is a worldwide movement of the Church providing a tried and tested method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action. The movement originated in Mallorca in the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War. The clergy prepared lay leaders for a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela to encourage renewal of the faith amongst the younger generation. The leaders were prepared through short courses in Christianity (cursillos). These courses were so beneficial to spiritual growth that their content has remained at the heart of the three-day weekend, which is still on offer to this day.

It is a time for deepening our relationship with God and for fresh commissioning to Christian leadership. There is an ongoing support network of faith sharing in group reunions at the local and Diocesan level, which sharpen our commitment to discipleship and promote accountability to one another in the faith.



The next **Cursillo three-day weekend** in Southwark Diocese is at **Wychcroft Diocesan Retreat House** from the afternoon of **Thursday October 25 until the afternoon of Sunday October 28 2018**. Clergy enquiries to [julieconnell@gmail.com](mailto:julieconnell@gmail.com) and lay enquiries to [grahamjconnell@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamjconnell@hotmail.com).

## Wychcroft: The Diocese of Southwark Resource and Retreat Centre

Set in the Surrey countryside, the Diocesan retreat house offers peaceful rural surroundings, fresh home-cooked food, and a warm welcome. The house is now available for individual quiet days and small group retreats, as well as parish weekends.



# Deepening Discipleship: where you are ...

## Bespoke training for Deaneries and groups of churches

Bespoke training can be offered to meet identified needs shared by groups of churches and Deaneries. Training can be run in local areas where there is sufficient demand. To set up a training event or for further details, please e-mail the contacts below.

## Running and evaluating enquiry and discipleship courses

There are many helpful tools for building Monday to Saturday discipleship, but how do we best draw upon these for lasting transformation? This training covers the practicalities of running courses and small groups, and how they can be used to generate a shared life of discipleship.

Contact [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

## Resourcing work with children, young people and families

Nurturing and engaging children and young people's faith is a crucial task for the church. Get in touch to find out what is on offer to help you approach this undertaking by building intergenerational work for all the various forms of family life we are called to support.

Contact [hugh.ridsdill-smith@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:hugh.ridsdill-smith@southwark.anglican.org) or [aike.kennett-brown@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:aike.kennett-brown@southwark.anglican.org)

## Exploring evangelism and engaging outreach

Most parishes in Southwark now have a Mission Action Plan to stimulate and steer community engagement, evangelism and discipleship. Get in touch to find out what next steps and new initiatives might give added stimulus to outward-focussed discipleship.

Contact [mission@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:mission@southwark.anglican.org)

## Discerning calling and supporting vocation

Our personal sense of vocation is a deep aspect of our calling as disciples. Contact us to find out about training for a renewed sense of vocation for the whole people of God - as individuals and communities. It includes ways in which callings to ministry can be affirmed within this.

Contact [raewynne.whiteley@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:raewynne.whiteley@southwark.anglican.org)



# Deepening Discipleship: where you are ...



## Discipleship, sharing and giving

Being generous with our time and resources is a hallmark of servant leadership and committed discipleship. This workshop looks at the different ways in which we can help support the life and mission of our churches - through our time, skills and giving. It will equip church members to encourage generosity as a core value across our shared life.

Contact [gabby.parikh@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:gabby.parikh@southwark.anglican.org)

## Serving communities and the common good

How do we respond as individuals and parishes to the concerns of our communities? Get in touch to find out how to build skills in listening, partnering and leading community initiatives, including ways to develop effective community engagement.

Contact [elizabeth.booker@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:elizabeth.booker@southwark.anglican.org)

## With older people in mind

The Southwark Spirituality and Age Group (SAGE) can run workshops for Deaneries or groups of parishes. This training can explore spiritual, pastoral, missional or ethical issues relating to the lives of older people.

Contact [sage@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:sage@southwark.anglican.org)

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